

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jennifer Turpen on being named the 2021 Lincoln County Schools Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Turpen is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal at South Lincoln School, Ms. Turpen was recently named the 2021 Lincoln County Schools Principal of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tenure as principal, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turpen has served as principal at South Lincoln School since 2016, after coming on board at the school in 2011 as assistant principal; and

WHEREAS, Principal Jennifer Turpen began her teaching career in Lincoln County twenty-nine years ago at Flintville Elementary School; during her time there, she taught fifth grade, served as pupil services coordinator, and co-wrote and secured a \$1.2 million Reading First grant, through which she received over 400 hours of research-based, specialized training in reading; and

WHEREAS, she also served as Flintville Elementary School's literacy leader before going on to work as the Lincoln County Department of Education's academic coach, serving all schools in the county; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Turpen holds a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University, as well as a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and thirty hours of additional coursework from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Principal Turpen resides in Mulberry with her husband of thirty-three years, Pat; her daughter, Rebecca; her mother-in-law, Diann; and her beloved dogs; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Turpen is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turpen truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at South Lincoln School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Turpen epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Jennifer Turpen upon being named the 2021 Lincoln County Schools Principal of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.